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Dear John:

Delighted at your note. Do you really think I can speak very deeply about Mary Imogene's qualifications? (I will be happy to offer some genetical observations, if you think that won't be prejudicial; but seriously, you should back up my remarks, which I will happily send on, with a full set of studied references which can have the strength of personal observation.) I am looking forward to seeing her here: I hope she makes a point of looking us up when she arrives.

Your "medical manpower in developing countries" sounds an important and challenging prospect. It may also help loosen our fossilized system here. (I have almost given up trying to compromise the art and science of medicine in the same curriculum, especially the same student.)

Can you use a colleague in this job? I expect that Roy Edmonds (now, or at least till recently and for many years, Director of the Central Medical School at Suva) would give his eyeteeth to join you. Do you know him? He would certainly have a lot of useful experience in the practicabilities of educating students with uncertain formal training.

All best wishes.

Sincerely,

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